



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO NEWS RELEASE

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PRODUCT COMMONLY FOUND IN HEALTH FOOD STORES RECALLED ***Sesame Tahini Sauce Could Pose Health Risk***

The County Department of Environmental Health announced today the voluntary recall of various Sesame Tahini products.

The products could be contaminated with *Salmonella*, an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, the elderly and others with weakened immune systems. No illnesses have been reported at this time.

Tahini is made from sesame seeds and oil and is often found in health food stores or Mediterranean restaurants. Recalled products were distributed to restaurants and grocery stores nationally. The products include:

- MaraNatha Sesame Tahini, 16 oz. jar with a Use By date of 10/02/07 or earlier
- MaraNatha Sesame Tahini, 15 lb. or 32 lb. with a Use By date of 11/14/07 or earlier
- 365 Organic Everyday Value Sesame Tahini, 16 oz. jar with a Best By date of 10/02/07 or earlier

Consumers who purchased these products should not use them. They can get additional information about the recall by visiting the County's Department of Environmental Health Web site at www.sdcdeh.org/fhd/whats_new.html.

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